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HONGKONG, APRIL 18th, 1907.

A PROBLEM "which has eluded the researches of all previous scientists and philosophers," and which is now reported to be solved, is not a matter we can afford to ignore. It is of "local interest," moreover, because it is of universal interest. To come to the point at once, we allude to the alleged discovery of five physicians of Massachusetts, that the soul of man is sufficiently material to possess the phenomenon of avoirdupois. The formula, in fact, of these investigators, may be tersely phrased into this, that sixteen souls equal one pound. It is not an irreverent joke, although the statement comes from New York. It is not a silly season invention of yellow journalism. It is, we are told by Dr. DUFFAN MACDOUGALL of Boston, the deliberate verdict following a series of reverent and earnest investigations, "to determine the existence or non-existence of a soul in the human body, and to determine also whether the departure of that soul from the human body is attended by any manifestation of nature that can be made evident to the material senses." It has long been a clinching argument of materialistic mockers at religion that surgical dissections of the human body have never found any sign of a soul. Here we have five doctors, "of the highest professional standing," who after studying the problem for six years, have declared the human soul to be "an actual material thing," weighing, as we have already indicated, about one ounce. As summarised by the New York correspondent of the London Daily Telegraph, these Boston scientists

discovered that "the difference between the weight of a live human body and a body the moment after death, or when the soul has quitted it," was from half an ounce to one ounce. This was announced to be proof, "upon scientific principles," that there could be no other possible explanation than that the difference was the weight of the departed soul. In every case, it was moreover ascertained, the loss of weight was shown "after all known scientific deductions had been taken into consideration."

Both men, and women have been the subjects of experiments. The methods of finding the result, as followed by the doctors, was to place the dying patients in a bed upon one of the platforms of a pair of scales, made expressly for the purpose. These scales were so delicately constructed as to be sensitive to the weight of less than one-tenth of an ounce. It was the desire of Dr. Duffan MacDougall to give publicity to the facts until they were established beyond all doubt, but in an interview he virtually confirmed all the foregoing. What the soul is the doctor hesitates to define, the investigators only being acquainted with the soul in so far as the fitting of the same left the dead body so much lighter. Three cases in particular Dr. MacDougall cited. The first, an ordinary tuberculosis patient, who was dying, was placed on the scales at the instant of death. The body lost one ounce in weight. The second case was that of another tuberculosis patient, and the result was the same. The third case was that of a phlegmatic man, slow in thought and action, and it was alleged that the soul left slowly. The scales show no loss for one minute, and then the body loses one ounce.

In nearly all the most widely-circulated newspapers of America on March 11th last, the *Telegraph's* correspondent telegraphed this extraordinary report occupied a most prominent place. It is not to be wondered at. Such a vital discovery could not receive too much prominence. Once accepted as a fact, it would have the most profound influence on the religious of the world, and more particularly on those of Asia. The Buddhist might have to modify his idea that all is illusion; the Hindus and others, who accept the doctrine of metempsychosis, would have to reconsider the ir position since a one-ounce soul could hardly enter the body of a gnat. The Chinese and Japanese veneration for ancestors might conceivably be abated, so effective are considerations of mere size. An ancestor at large in the fourth dimension, and weighing only twenty pennyweights, would scarcely be deemed worthy of so much incense and *sympa*. To the European faith or faiths, the discovery would promise to be of great importance. Ecclesiasticism is always gratified when science and scientists are in support of its tenets, and we doubt not that this triumphant corroboration of a belief which moderns have begun to grasp less tightly would be accorded fitting welcome. Some allegorical meaning would be found, probably (we volunteer the suggestion in advance, for those intending to follow up the clue) in the number Twelve and the fact that *uncia* is a twelfth. But first we would advise our readers to wait for more advices. The *Telegraph* is a respectable paper, but its New York correspondent may have been boxed. The Massachusetts medics are of the "highest professional standing," but they may not exist. It occurs to us at the outset that "six years' study" was too much to find out what handy weighing apparatus could have proved in a few hospitals in a very short time. We should also like a more explicit declaration as to what were the "scientific deductions" taken into consideration in comparing liveweight and deadweight. In addition it would be of considerable interest, though not affecting the main issue, to have the result of similar experiments with non-human animals. In conclusion, we may venture the opinion that the statement, like the corpses, will weigh less after those of high scientific standing have finished with it.

The French Mail of the 15th March was delivered in London on the 15th inst.

Yesterday our telegrams included a report of the successful launching of the Japanese battleship *Ats*. The new vessel is 432 feet long, 834 feet wide, 27 feet deep, 19,150 tons displacement. Her engines, of 24,000 horse power, are designed to develop a speed of 19 knots.

Three men have been arrested in connection with the riot which occurred outside the Police Station on Sunday. They were charged before Mr. F. A. Hazeland at the Police Court yesterday with assaulting another native and causing grievous bodily harm. The case was adjourned.

In Chak-fu told Mr. Hazeland at the Police Court yesterday that he returned to the Colony before his period of banishment was ended because he could get no work and had no "chow" in China. The magistrate sentenced him to twelve months' imprisonment with hard labour and six months' stripes.

The Bandmann Folies arrive to-day at noon per P. & O. s.s. *Delhi* and will open their season to-night at the City Hall. The following are some of the Principal Members of the Company: Miss Evelyn Hughes, Miss Emilie Tait, Mr. Maynard Dabin, Mr. Harry Herbert, Mr. Gordon Stamford and Mr. Norman Osborne.

So Tak of 51, West Street, in the central district failed to notify the sanitary authorities of a case of smallpox at his residence. For this omission Mr. Hazeland fined him \$25 at the Police Court yesterday.

Mr. A. Holbrow, of Messrs. Deacon, Looker and Deacon, prosecuted Wu Hin-tang, on behalf of the Standard Oil Co. for obtaining by false pretences three barrels of yellow wax, valued at \$118.54. The defendant, who was formerly a clerk in the Company, pleaded guilty to the charge, and his Worship sentenced him to four months' imprisonment with hard labour.

The Criminal Sessions open to-day, when the following cases are set for hearing: (1) Charles Humphrey Kins, for larceny. (2) Un Yeung, Un Wo, Chan Chan, and Ng Wong, for manslaughter. (3) Mala Khan, for (1) highway robbery, and (2) assault to prevent arrest. (4) Chan Wo and Chan Lam, for (1) forgery, (2) uttering a forged document, and (3) obtaining goods by means of a forged document.

Sir Frederick Nathan, one of the Government's principal witnesses in the case against Kynoch, is the superintendent of the Royal Gunpowder Factory at Wiltham Abbey, and only received the addition to his name a short time ago. Sir Frederick has recently returned from a mission to India on Government business. He has a very extensive knowledge of explosives, and has been a great success in his present appointment. Sir Frederick is a brother to Sir Matthew Nathan, Governor of Hongkong.

Four natives, whose injured faces bore witness to a severe fight at Shikoutai on Tuesday night, pleaded not guilty to a charge of behaving in a disorderly manner. Police witnesses were called to prove that the defendants were engaged in a brawl there on the night in question. When this evidence was heard Mr. Hazeland asked the defendants what they had to say. Each man blamed the other for leading him astray, then his Worship reminded them all that they had broken the law by inflicting a fine of \$5 apiece.

The following is a translation of an editorial article of the *Hochi Shinbun* for the 4th instant on "Activity of the Pelagian World and the Faith of Japan." "The great conference of the World's Student Christian Federation recently in session in Tokyo and the activity of the Salvation Army by the coming of General Booth should be looked upon rather as preparatory movements for Christianity to be newly baptised with the realistic faith of New Japan, than as movements for the conversion of other peoples by Christians."

In a case at Southwark County Court, a solicitor said a debtor had run three shops unsuccessfullly and had "bitten off more than he could chew." Judge Willis: "Do not use such phrases. You should say that he endeavoured to carry on more business than he had capital for. Subsequently the solicitor said his client was 'living from hand to mouth.' The Judge again objected. 'It is all hand to mouth,' he said. 'I am waiting for my next quarter's salary; a barrister is waiting for his next fee, and so on. Don't use such phrases.' Not a particularly wise judge.

By kind permission of Lieut. Col. Price, D.S.O. and Officers, the Band of the 129th Duke of Cambridge's Own Baluchis will play the following programme of music at the King Edward Hotel, during dinner this (Thursday) evening:—
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Chorus Solo: "Les Abaches" Le Thiere
Minuet by Beethoven

The manner in which American kerosine oil is onsting the Russian product from the Indian market is shown by the following figures:—In 1904-5 the value of American oil imported was 39 lakhs out of a total of 15 lakhs, in the following year the value was 79 lakhs out of a total of 15 lakhs; and in 1906-7 the value was one crore and six lakhs, being more than two-thirds of the total. Russian oil has declined from one crore and 44 lakhs to 5 lakhs, while Sumatra oil has risen from 15 lakhs to 25 lakhs and is second in thrist of imports.

Several improvements are shortly to be carried out by the municipal authorities at Vladivostok. Mr. Roger S. Green, the U. S. Consul at the Siberian port, writes that the municipality has determined to undertake by itself the construction of the electric street railway and power plant. No definite project has yet been adopted, but an engineer is engaged upon plans and estimates. The present intention seems to be not to give the contract for the whole to one firm, but to buy the necessary material from a number of different parties. A contract for a municipal telephone system for Vladivostok has been awarded to the Russian branch of a German firm. The annual subscription for a single instrument is to be \$38.62 gold.

We learn from the *Asahi* that the Fukuoka Camphor Office has succeeded in constructing and successfully operating a new machine for the manufacture of camphor, which is said to be a valuable invention. The first advantage of the new machine is that it can be employed in factories on a large or small scale with equal success. The second is that a condensing apparatus is used, which prevents any foreign substance from entering the camphor oil in the course of manufacture, and also prevents oil leaking in the form of vapour. Another advantage is that the new machine shortens the period required for distillation, and also saves fuel. It is stated that the existing camphor manufacturing machinery is in a very primitive state, rendering it impossible to carry on the industry on a large and profitable scale.

TELEGRAMS.

["DAILY PRESS" EXCLUSIVE SERVICE.]

GENERAL BOOTH IN TOKYO.

Tokyo, April 17th.
"General" Booth, of the Salvation Army, was received by Mayor Shimabashi to-day. When he arrived the station and approaches were crowded, and he was tendered a great popular reception along the route to the hotel.

HOMEWARD BOUND.

Tokyo, April 17th.
Kuroki has left Jamestown.

[REUTER'S SERVICE.]

THE FOOD STRIKE IN PARIS.

London, April 15th.
The Food strike, partially commenced on the 8th instant, has not become general: only 750 out of 5,000 bakeries struck. Gendarmes are guarding the bakeries and patrolling the streets.

GALE AT SUEZ.

London, April 15th.
The Macedonia was lying outside Suez all yesterday owing to a gale and sandstorm, which are not yet abating. The traffic of the canal is impeded.

THE CHIEF COMMAND IN INDIA.

London, April 15th.
Mr. Morley, Secretary of State for India, with the full approval of Mr. Haldane, Secretary of State for War, has asked Lord Kitchener whether an extension of two years of service would be agreeable to him and has expressed a wish that Lord Kitchener would accept. Lord Kitchener has replied in the affirmative. Lord Elgin read a telegram from the King welcoming the extension and sending good wishes for Lord Kitchener's success.

ATHEISM AND AGNOSTICISM.

There has been so much comment upon the atheistic bias of the anticlerical movement in France that it may be well to place on record the exact words used by the Socialist Minister, Viviani, in a speech made by the Chamber throughout all the communes of France. Mr. Booth Clutton writes:—
The version given several weeks later in the *Times* by Sir A. Austin having been incomplete I offer the following translation from the *Official* of November 6th, which lies before me. Alluding to the work of the Revolutionaries of 1793 and 1848, and the prolongation of their lines under the Third Republic, he says:—
"Our forefathers, and fathers, and ourselves have unceasingly continued hitherto a work of anti-clericalism and irreligion. We dragged human conscience away from religious belief. When a wretched creature, bending under his burdens, knelt to pray, we raised him up, we told him that there were no realities behind those clouds. Together, by a magnificent gesture, we extinguished in the heavens those lights which will never be relit. (Prolonged applause from the Left and Extreme Left.) That is our work; it is our revolutionary work. Do not imagine it is ended; it is only beginning. It is surging upwards, it grows deeper. And what can you reply to a man who is seeking justice here below, to a man who—thanks to us—is no longer a believer; to one whom we have snatched from the 'faith,' and to whom we have declared that there was no justice in the heavens?"
M. Briand, M. Viviani's colleague, subsequently disclaimed, on behalf of the Ministry, any desire on the part of the State to take sides in the great controversy of God and Godless. The State, he maintained, was colon-blind as to theological and anti-theological questions. That is no doubt the true attitude of the secular State. But the faith of men like Viviani in their atheistic creed is much too passionate to allow them to be neutral. Coleridge, a hundred years ago, described not only the phenomenon of Vivianism but its genesis:—
The sweet words
Of Christian promise, words that even yet
Might steady distraction, were they wisely
preach'd,
Are muttered o'er by men, whose tones
proclaim
How flat and wearisome they feel their trade;
Rank scoffers some. The very name
of God,
Sounds like a juggler's charm; and, bold
with joy,
Forth from his dark and lonely hiding place
(Prolonged applause from the Left and Extreme Left.)
Sailing on obscure wings athwart the noon,
Drops his blue-fringed lips, and holds them
close,
And hoisting at the glorious sun in Heaven,
Cries out, Where is it?
But nowadays the owl, growing bolder,
chuckles gleefully, "We've put it out."

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

SUGGESTED SCHEME OF NEUTRALIZATION.
The *Tribune* Correspondent at Washington says:—A distinguished authority suggests a seriously-considered project for removing the Philippines for ever from the field of international politics, rendering the islands no longer the cause of possible war. It looks, indeed, towards a neutralization of the islands.
The immediate problem, so far as the United States is concerned, is a wise administration of the internal affairs of the islands, but statesmen, looking ahead, suggest that a neutralization of the islands among all the Powers would remove cause for anxiety, not only to this Government, but also to all the nations of Europe.
To render the plan practicable it is proposed that no military base should be utilized there by any nation, not even the United States. Obviously, in view of the fact that, under the suggested neutralization arrangement, the Philippines could not be seized by any Power, the American Government itself would be under no necessity of defending them.

SUPREME COURT.

Wednesday, April 17th.

IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION.

BEFORE MR. A. G. WISE (PUISNE JUDGE).

ALLEGED BREACH OF CONTRACT.
An action was brought by the Sy Yick Company, of 137, Queen's Road Central, against Jorge and Company for \$343.77 loss suffered by the plaintiffs by reason of the defendants' breach of contract. The Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C. (instructed by Mr. Atkinson, represented plaintiffs, Sir Henry Berkeley, K.C. (instructed by Mr. F. X. d'Almeida Castro), acting for defendants.

The statement of claim asserted that defendants entered into a contract in May last year to sell to plaintiffs 20 cases of 10 dozen each of Wright's Health underwear at \$5.70 (gold) per dozen with commission of 22 per cent. Delivery to be in October and November 1906, ten cases in each month. The goods were not delivered and plaintiffs had to obtain the underwear locally at a cost of \$343.77, above the contract price.

Defendants denied having entered into such a contract, but stated that they made an agreement that defendants should buy, delivery to be taken within two months of the landing of the goods, ten cases in October, if possible, and ten in November, if possible, or the contract to be null and void. A condition of the agreement was that if the goods did not arrive within the stipulated time the buyer would have no claim on account of the non-arrival of the goods and either party was at liberty to rescind the contract. The goods did not arrive within the stipulated time, and the plaintiffs gave notice to defendants rescinding the contract, in consequence of which defendants also rescinded.

Plaintiffs in reply, stated that they dealt with defendants through Sing Koo, a salesman employed by defendants, and after the agreement Sing Koo, on behalf of the defendants, handed to the plaintiffs a paper signed by the defendants which contained a memorandum in Chinese of the terms of the contract which represented the terms of the agreement. Plaintiffs pointed out that occasionally the defendants in entering agreements inserted a clause to the effect that an answer was to be given thereafter as to whether the contract could be definitely executed. On the present occasion no such clause was made by the defendants and as a matter of fact that clause was struck out in the English words, so that defendants were bound to execute the contract. Plaintiffs relied on the representation of Sing Koo that certain words in English written on the paper were the equivalent of the Chinese in the memorandum. The English words included clauses which were not in the memorandum in Chinese as well as the following:—"Force majeure to free sellers from all responsibility in connection with the contract," and "loss of steamer or vessel to cancel contract."

After Mr. Pollock's opening statement, Chan Yuen Kai, managing partner in the plaintiff firm, gave evidence in support of their claim. Examined as to the receipt of a letter from defendants, witness stated that the latter informed him that owing to the great demand for the clothes they could not fulfil the order.

Mr. Pollock (to interpreter)—What does he say?

Mr. Bai—That they could not be made in England.

Mr. Pollock—Please interpret properly. Mr. Bai—He does not say England. As a matter of fact they are made in America.

Mr. Bai—He said that they could not be made in the ancestral home (laughter).

Cross-examined—He thought defendants were telling lies when they wrote that letter stating that the order was cancelled. He went to them and told them that he did not agree with that.

I put it to you that Mr. Jorge showed you the telegrams from the manufacturers in America stating that the goods could not be forwarded? I do not understand English.

You speak English?—A little.

I put it to you that you can read English?—A little?—I know one, two, three, four (laughter). Decision reserved.

DEPARTURE OF HIS EXCELLENCY SIR MATTHEW NATHAN.

The Address from the Community will be presented to His Excellency The Governor at 12.30 p.m. on Saturday 20th April in St. George's Hall. All members of the Community are invited to be present.

Copies of the address for signature will be found on a table at the head of the States.

His Excellency will arrive punctually at the time fixed; those intending to be present are requested to be in their places before the half hour.

Immediately after the presentation of the address the P. & O. tug *Dragon* will leave the P. & O. jetty to convey to the *Delta* any one who wishes to go on board.

The *Yellow Dragon* (Queen's College Magazine) says:—We feel sure that we are not merely expressing our own views, but voicing the general sentiment of all engaged in education in the colony when we say that it was with deep regret, almost amounting to grief, that we read in the local newspapers of the approaching departure of His Excellency the Governor, Sir Matthew Nathan, K.C.M.G., for another sphere of activity. Since Sir George Bowen (1832-5) no Governor has taken such marked interest in education, evinced by the inauguration of so many beneficial changes.

HONGKONG HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

The annual meeting of the Hongkong Horticultural Society was held in the City Hall last evening. Mr. J. Barton presided, and there were also present Messrs. L. Gibb (secretary), H. H. J. Gompertz, F. Howell, A. Carter, D. W. Craddock, Choa Leep-choe and Rev. G. A. Bunbury.
The SECRETARY having read the notice calling the meeting, the CHAIRMAN proposed the adoption of the report and accounts which had been in the hands of members for some time.

Mr. GOMPERTZ seconded, and members agreed.

Mr. CRADDOCK had much pleasure in proposing Mr. Barton as president for the ensuing year.

Mr. CHOA LEAP-CHOE seconded and the motion was carried.

It was proposed by the CHAIRMAN, and seconded by Mr. GOMPERTZ that Mr. L. Gibb be re-elected secretary. Carried.
The committee re-elected was as follows:—Mr. J. Barton, Mrs. Brown, Messrs. Choa Leep-choe, D. W. Craddock, S. T. Dunn, H. H. J. Gompertz, F. Howell, W. J. Tuteber, Mrs. Jordan and Mrs. Turner.

The CHAIRMAN proposed that the words "three form a quorum" be added to rule 4, and that the words "in the meantime" be added to rule 5.

Mr. CRADDOCK seconded, and the motion was carried.

The report read:—The proposal to publish gardening notes was found to be beset by numerous difficulties and was eventually dropped; as a substitute, a small book on "Gardening for Hongkong" was brought out by Mr. Tuteber at the request of the Society. The cost of printing the first 250 copies was defrayed by the Society, Mr. Tuteber paying for any further copies and taking the proceeds of the sale. The Committee can recommend the book to anyone interested in gardening. The Annual Show was held in the Botanic Gardens on the 26th and 27th February and produced a fine exhibit of flowers and vegetables. There were 651 entries and it was found necessary to considerably increase the makeshift accommodation beyond that of the previous year. The details of the show were settled by a sub-committee consisting of Messrs. J. Barton, L. Gibb and F. Howell, who, with the help of Mr. Choa Leep-choe, supervised the staging of exhibits on arrival, and the committee would ask exhibitors at a future show to lighten it by seeing that their exhibits are properly labelled with the Class No. and Group, in which they are to be exhibited, before they are sent to the Show grounds. The judging was done by Messrs. D. W. Craddock and W. J. Tuteber, and judging of the gardens by Messrs. J. Barton, S. T. Dunn, L. Gibb and H. H. J. Gompertz. The attendance of the public at the show was disappointing. The weather was fine and it was confidently hoped that a larger "gate" would be obtained than last year; this anticipation was not however realized. On the first day 221 tickets were sold, and on the second day 137 during the 50 cents time and 692 during the 20 cents time, the total taking being \$431.40 against \$376.00 last year. The accounts show that capital had to be drawn upon, to the extent of about \$40 to meet the expenses of the show. It is thought that some economy might be effected in printing and in the amount given in prizes and that then with a little more appreciation shown by the general public the show might be made to pay its way.

The best thanks of the Society are due to those who came forward with subscriptions to the prize fund and also to the donors of special prizes. It is proposed to hold a chrysanthemum show in the autumn, and a flower and vegetable show in the early spring of 1908. Schedules are in course of preparation and will shortly be issued to members. Sir Francis Pigott resigned the Presidency in November, and Mr. J. Barton was elected in his place. Mr. F. Howell took over the duties of hon. secretary and treasurer during the absence in the summer of Mr. Gibb. The committee with the exception of Messrs. A. E. Griffin and F. Osborne offer themselves for re-election.

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HONGKONG STEAM WATERBOAT COMPANY.

At an extraordinary general meeting of the Hongkong Steam Waterboat Co. held yesterday, the following resolutions were confirmed:—

(1) That it is expedient to effect an amalgamation of this Company with the Union Waterboat Company Limited, and that with a view thereto this Company be wound up voluntarily and that Edgar George Barrett be, and he is hereby appointed, Liquidator for the purpose of such winding up.
(2) That the conditional agreement submitted to this meeting be, and the same is hereby, approved and that the liquidator be, and he is hereby, authorized pursuant to Section 201 of the Company's Ordinances 1865 to adopt the said agreement and carry the same into effect with such if any modification as the said Liquidator may think expedient.

The Hongkong Hotel Billiard tournament concluded last night when Pitt met Melvin of Quarry Bay in the final. The match ended in an easy win for the amateur champion, Pitt having made the requisite 250 while Melvin's score stood at 85. The winner's biggest breaks on the occasion were 39 and 31, but he carried off the cup, and the prize for the biggest break in the tournament.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SIXTEENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED, will be held at the Bank Premises, Queen's Road, Victoria, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 29th June, at NOON, for the purposes following, namely:—

To receive and consider a Statement of Accounts and Balance Sheet to 31st December, 1906, the reports of the Directors and Auditors thereon, to elect Auditors and transact the other ordinary business of the Company.

The TRANSFER BOOKS and Register of Members of the Company will be CLOSED from the 15th day of June to 29th June, 1907, both days inclusive.

By Order,
G. C. MOXON,
Managing Director.

Hongkong, 15th April, 1907.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED, On SATURDAY,

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Hongkong, 18th April, 1907.

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Captain A. J. Robson, will be despatched for the above Ports TO-MORROW, the 19th inst., at 10 A.M.

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Hongkong, 17th April, 1907.

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods will be delivered from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed at Consignees' risk and expense.

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Hongkong, 1st April, 1907.

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HONGKONG SCHOOLS SPORTS.

THE ANNUAL ATHLETIC MEETING will take place on MONDAY, April 22nd, on the RACE COURSE, Happy Valley (by kind permission). Entry Forms and Particulars from the Secretaries.

Entries Closed on April 24th.

H. L. O. GARRETT, Hon. Secretaries.

A. R. SUTHERLAND, Queen's College, Hongkong, 17th April, 1907.

NOTICE.

WE have this day authorized Mr. RUDOLF LAUREN to Sign our Firm's name For Prosecution.

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Hongkong, 15th April, 1907.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

NOTICE.

THE HALF-YEARLY MEETING of the above Club will be held in the CITY HALL on FRIDAY, the 26th April, at 12.30 P.M.

By Order,
T. F. HOUGH,

Clerk of the Course.

Hongkong, 12th April, 1907.

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CHEUNG TO CHAI,
President of the Yuet-Han Railway Company Ltd.

Canton, 9th April, 1907.

NOTICE.

OWING to the great advance in the Price of Rice and the consequent hardship suffered by the poor our Hospital Committee met to consider ways and means of enabling the poor to procure their daily rice at a cheap rate.

A Committee consisting of Messrs. LO CHEUK CHI, O. Yik Tong and L. LUI SHAN was appointed and empowered to borrow a sum of \$20,000 from the Portuguese Bank for the purpose of carrying out the scheme, the sum to be repaid out of the Funds subscribed.

The Management of the Hospital desire to publicly express their grateful thanks to Mr. J. C. DA CUNHA-GOMES, Manager of the said Bank for his kindness in advancing the \$20,000, and to Mr. W. E. CHAMBER, the Secretary of the Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamship Co., Ltd., for kindly undertaking to carry 10,000 bags of Rice for the above purpose, by the Company's steamers Sui An and Sui Tai, from Hongkong to Macao free of Charge.

The amounts already subscribed towards the Fund are as follows:—

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Hongkong, 16th April, 1907.

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Short Notice.

PUBLIC COMPANY

THE MAN-ON INSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the MAN-ON INSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED will be held at the Company's Registered Office No. 2, Queen's Road West, Victoria, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 27th day of April, 1907, at 12 o'clock Noon, when the subjoined Resolution will be proposed:—

1. That clause 3 of the Memorandum of Association be altered by inserting after the words "the objects for which the Company is established are" the words "Sub-class A" and by adding at the end of "Sub-class A" new sub-clauses to be lettered B and C.

(b) To insure against loss or damage by fire all houses and all other buildings and erections, treasure, household furniture, goods, wares, merchandise, chattels and effects whatsoever in Hongkong, China, Japan or elsewhere and the pursuit of the business of fire insurance generally and the doing of such other things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objects.

(c) To re-insure any risk in whole or in part.

Should the above Resolution be passed by the required majority it will be submitted for confirmation as a special Resolution to a Second Extraordinary Meeting which will be subsequently convened.

Dated the 13th day of April, 1907.

By Order of the Board,

CHAU SIU KI,

Secretary.

Hongkong, 12th April, 1907.

PUBLIC COMPANIES

THE HONGKONG COTTON SPINNING WEAVING AND DYING CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the HONGKONG COTTON SPINNING WEAVING AND DYING COMPANY, LIMITED, will be held at the Office of the undersigned, at King's Buildings, Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong, on THURSDAY, the 25th day of April, 1907, at 12.30 o'clock in the afternoon, when the Subjoined Resolutions which were passed at the Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company held on the 14th April, 1907, will be submitted for confirmation as a Special Resolution:—

1. That the following alterations be made in the Articles of Association, viz:—

(a) That the words "or if the General Managers are a Limited Company that the declarant is a Managing Director, Manager, Secretary or person for the time being in charge of the business of such Company" be inserted between the word "Company" and the words "and that" in the second line of ss. 14 of Article No. IX.

(b) That the following words be added at the end of ss. 7 of Article No. XIII: "except that the Managing Director in the case of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., or the person for the time being in charge of the business of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., in Hongkong shall be entitled to vote on behalf of Messrs. J. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., although not individually a shareholder."

(c) That ss. 1 of Article No. XV be omitted and the following subsection inserted: "Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., shall be the General Managers of the Company so long as they think fit and the Managing Director of the East of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., or in his absence the person for the time being in charge of the business of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., in Hongkong shall, if willing to act, be the Chairman of the Company and of the Consulting Committee."

(d) That the word "Ltd." be inserted between the words "and" and the word "who" in line 2 of ss. 2 of Article No. XV.

(e) That the following words be added at the end of ss. 2 (c) of Article No. XV: "by the Company in General Meeting or by the Consulting Committee."

(f) That the following words be added at the end of ss. 3 of Article No. XVI: "All shareholders of the Company shall be deemed to have agreed to be bound by the provisions of the Memorandum of Association and the Articles of Association as may from time to time be amended by the General Managers."

(g) That the words "or the Corporation be represented" be inserted between the word "partner" and the word "of" in line 2 of ss. 3 of Article No. XVII.

(h) That the words "or the Corporation be represented" be inserted between the word "and" and the word "as" in ss. 1 of ss. 4 of Article No. XVII.

(i) That the word "Successors" be inserted between the word "their" and the word "heirs" in line 2 and between the words "of their" and the word "heirs" in line 5 of Article No. XX.

(j) That the words from and including "The Arbitration Act 1889" in the 3rd line of Article No. XXI down to the end of the Article be eliminated and the words "Chapter 24 of the Code of Civil Procedure" in so far as such provisions are applicable to the circumstances of any particular case and to every Ordinance from time to time in force relating to references to Arbitration" be inserted instead.

2. That the above resolutions making the above changes in the Company's Articles and including the last day of May 1907.

Dated this 8th day of April, 1907.

By Order,

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,
General Managers.

THE YANGTSE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE SEVENTEENTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the above Association will be held at the Hong Kong, 28th April, 1907, at 4.30 o'clock P.M. precisely, for presentation of the Report of the Directors and the Accounts to the 31st December, 1906, the election of Directors and Auditor for the current year, and for the purpose of transacting any other business which may be transacted at an Ordinary General Meeting.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Association will be CLOSED from the 22nd of April, to the 26th April, 1907, both days inclusive.

Members holding proxies for absent Shareholders must deposit same with the SECRETARY for Registration at least Forty-Eight hours before the Meeting.

By Order of

